

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ + claim 13, further comprising a display device that indicates said recording operation is prohibited when said recording operation determination processor determines that said recording operation is impossible.
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ + claim 13, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a remaining recordable volume of said recording medium.
5. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ + claim 13, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a formatting state of said recording medium.
6. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ + claim 13, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a type of said recording medium.
7. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ + claim 13, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card.

8. (currently amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein said memory card comprises a PC card.

9. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 13, wherein said recording medium comprises a magneto-optical disc.

10. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 13, wherein said recording medium comprises a magnetic disk.

11. (currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 13, wherein said peripheral device comprises a computer.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) An image reading device comprising:

a housing;

a reading processor that optically reads an image recorded on a recording material sheet to generate image data;

an image data transmitting processor that can transmit said image data externally to a peripheral device;

an image data recording processor that can record said image data in a recording medium that is readily removable from and reattachable to said housing;

a recording operation determination processor that determines, based on a state of said recording medium, whether a recording operation of said image data recording processor

is possible; and

a control processor that, when said recording operation determination processor determines that said recording operation is impossible, prohibits said recording operation and allows said image data transmitting processor to transmit said image data to said peripheral device.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) An image reading device comprising:

a housing;

a reading processor configured to optically read an image recorded on a recording sheet to generate image data representing the image;

an image data transmitting processor configured to externally transmit the image data to a peripheral device;

an image data recording processor configured to record the image data in a recording medium that is readily removable from and reattachable to said housing;

a recording operation determination processor configured to determine, based on a condition of the recording medium, whether a recording operation of said image data recording processor is possible; and

a control processor configured to prohibit the recording operation and allow said image data recording processor to transmit the image data to the peripheral device, when said

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recording operation determination processor determines that the recording operation is impossible.